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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gerard GIORDANO et al.

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NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED
FROM GENES CODING FOR TRIMETHYLAMINE
N-OXIDE REDUCTASE AND USES THEREOF,
ESPECIALLY FOR THE DETECTION OF BACTERIA

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of August 28, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 30,
with the following rewritten paragraph:
--The invention also relates to any nucleotide sequence
corresponding to one of the following sequences (SEQ ID NOS 12-
27, respectively in order of appearance:--

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19,
with the following rewritten paragraph:
-- - DDN1+ : 5' CGG vGA yTA CTC bAC hGG TGC 3' : (SEQ
ID NO: 12) mixture of 54 nucleotide sequences,--